

November 19-20, 2009

ITEM 145-2301-R1109

Authorization to Lease a Portion of the Eastern Agricultural Experiment Station to Richland County; Montana Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES)

THAT:

The Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes MAES to lease a portion of the Eastern Montana Agricultural Experiment Station (EARC) to construct an addition to house the Richland County Extension Service.

EXPLANATION:

1. HB004 of the 60th Montana Legislature, 1st Special Session (2007), authorized the Dept of Administration, Architecture & Engineering Division, to construct a new office/lab facility at EARC.
2. House Joint Resolution 8 promulgated by the 61st Montana Legislature, authorized construction of a combined MAES/County Extension facility on land leased to Richland County by MAES, to provide enhanced efficiencies and improved research and education opportunities for eastern Montana and the citizens of Montana.
3. The extension office addition will be funded with non-state funds provided by Richland County. Richland County will be responsible for paying all operations and maintenance costs for the extension office addition, including but limited to heat, lights, power, communications, custodial, refuse, and building maintenance and repairs.
4. This project, which includes the EARC office/lab building with the extension office addition, will be directed and administered by the state Architecture & Engineering Division in accordance with state construction statutes. The lease provides for appropriate review and approval of construction drawings by MAES prior to bidding.
5. The term of the lease will be for 50 years. Final lease terms and conditions will be reviewed by University Legal Counsel.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Lease
Draft Sketch of Leased Premises
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